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"And that's the way it is."

Walter Cronkite

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THE NEWS IN BRIEF

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MOVIE ON SOUBY

Movie on Souby is a new event beginning this year hosted by the Student Council for Upper School students and faculty.

The movie chosen was "Grease," the classic 50's high school movie musical. The event was supposed to take place Tuesday, Aug. 18, but it was canceled due to rain.

The Student Council will announce the new time and date soon.

FALL MUSICAL

The cast of the fall musical "Annie Get Your Gun," done in collaboration with MBA, began rehearsals Aug. 13.

The cast consists of 36 students who went through auditions in spring and are now on campus every day for practice.

The majority of the blocking, choreographing, and vocal training occurred during the two weeks preceding school.

"The most challenging part about musicals is getting the dances to go together," said Lindsey Myrick '11.

"This show is so perfect for HH because it has a strong female protagonist who is not afraid to fight for herself," said Anna Russell Thornton '12.

The dates of the performances are Sept. 10-13 at Davis Theater.

RENOVATIONS

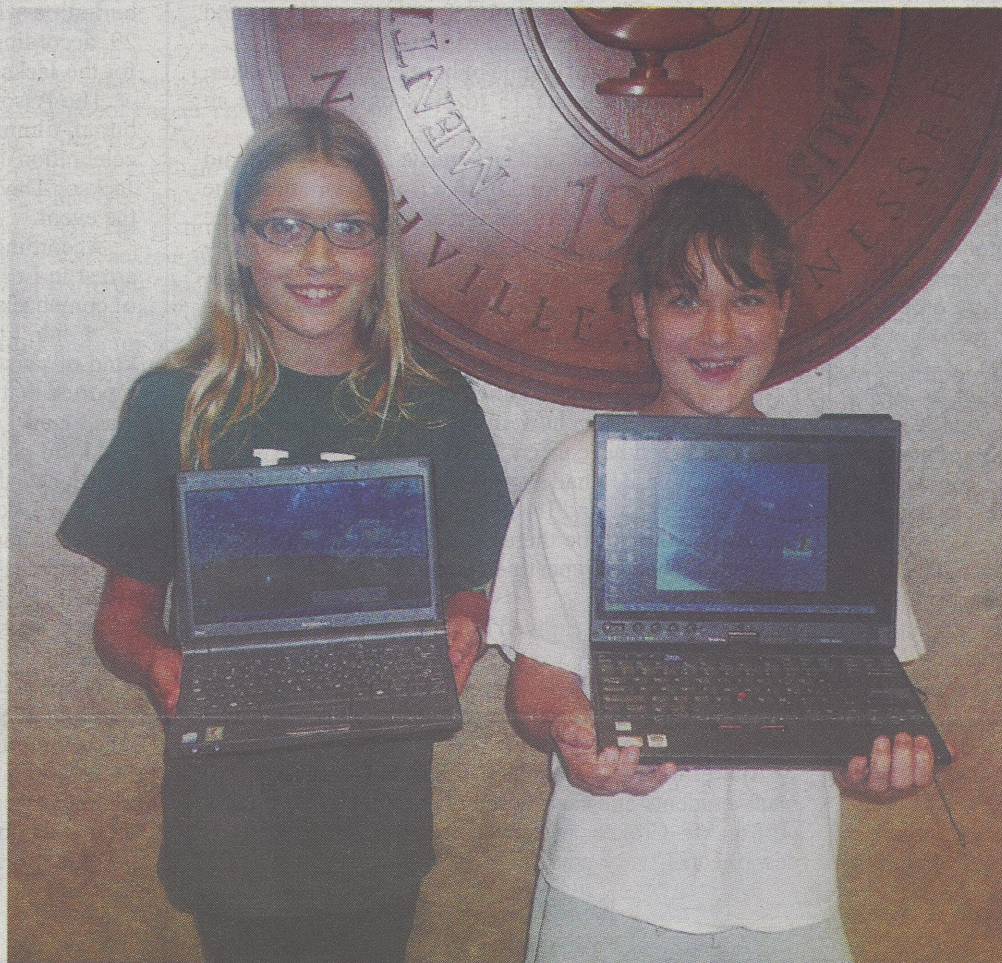
Due to age, the electrical system in Souby Hall has been rewired.

"The house was built in the 20s and so the wires were getting close to 100 years old," said Ms. Anne King, Director of Finance and Operations.

"Nothing happened that made it dangerous, but we felt like it was time," she said.

The installation of this system forced members of the administration to move their offices into the Ann Scott Carell Library temporarily, but they are now back in their normal headquarters.

New year, new technology



Zso-zso Biegl '17 and Saffron Croker '17 show off the new laptop models. The Lenovo Netbook (L) is only 2.4 pounds and is used by 5th-7th graders. The new X200 laptop (R), with a larger hard drive and brighter screen, but a shorter battery life, is used by 8th-12th graders. AT RIGHT, TOP TO BOTTOM: the webcam on the X200, the Online School for Girls homepage and the Moodle icon.

Photos by Saxby Wiles, Kiki Bandlow, and Emily Tseng

BY SAXBY WILES '11 AND KIKI BANDLOW '11
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There are four new major technological advances at Harpeth Hall this year: the new laptops, Moodle, Physics online textbooks and The Online School for Girls.

The X200 laptop is now available. New features include an internal web camera, a larger hard drive, and a more widescreen appearance.

"It's the latest and greatest from Lenovo," said Ms. Ann Webb Betty, one of two new Bear Cave specialists. In addition, the 5th, 6th and 7th graders are receiving a Lenovo Netbook for the first time. It is almost half the size of the recent IBM tablets and laptops.

Secondly, Blackboard, the web application students used in classes last year, is being replaced. The replacement for Blackboard, Moodle, is "more intuitive and easier to use," said Dr. Melissa Wert, Technology Integration Specialist.

Moodle is open-sourced and free, saving Harpeth Hall \$17,000 a year. "I think students and teachers will both find Moodle to be more helpful and useful than Blackboard," said Dr. Wert.

Also, physics textbooks this year are

completely web-based. In the past, only the AP Physics classes have used online textbooks; this year, all physics classes are taking this step.

"There are really cool simulations that help explain the material, along with a full page-by-page textbook," said Mr. Scott Myrick, Upper School science teacher. "There are even voiced lectures at the end of each section you can listen to."

Access to the textbook is through an online login name and password, rather than on a floppy-disk or CD as it was before. The online "books" will cost \$44.95 per student, less than a typical Physics textbook in print.

Another jump in technology was the creation of The Online School for Girls by a consortium of Harpeth Hall and three other girls' schools: Westover School (Conn.), Laurel School (Ohio) and Holten-Arms (Md.). Three HH students who had completed the highest level of math offered are enrolled in the Multivariable Calculus class.

"The idea is to be able to offer classes to students that they cannot normally take at

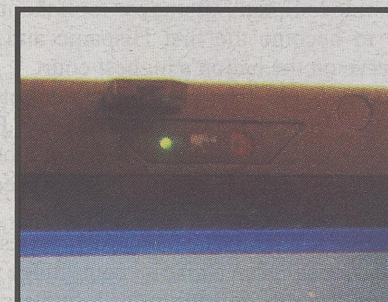
school," said Ms. Jennifer Webster, Upper School math teacher and teacher of Multivariable Calculus. The courses are supervised by a teacher at one of the schools, but are taken by students at all four schools.

The supervising teacher will give all students enrolled a grade for the class. The schools then decide independently if they want to count the grade as a credit towards the student's normal curriculum. HH does count the classes as a credit.

Multivariable Calculus and Genetics are the only two courses offered this fall. This year is a trial run, and students from the four schools can take the classes on their own time for free.

In the future, more science, math, humanities, and foreign language courses will be offered, including Differential Equations, Women in Art and Literature, and a possibility of Arabic and other languages. Students will have to pay to take classes after this year.

"Theoretically, anybody from a public or private school will be able to take online classes next year," said Ms. Webster.



While you were out... News you might have missed

Justice Sotomayor sworn in

BY EMILY TSENG '10
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After a long summer of debate, Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor took the judicial oath Aug. 8 to become the first Hispanic and third woman to serve on the nation's highest court.

President Obama nominated Sotomayor in May following the retirement of Justice David H. Souter. Prior to her nomination, she was most widely-known for issuing the legal ruling that ended the 1994 baseball strike.

According to the New York Times, Sotomayor had previously been a district court judge with a reputation as a "sharp, outspoken and fearless jurist, someone who does not let powerful interests bully, rush or cow her into a decision."

Controversy erupted over her words in a 2001 speech, in which she said "I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life", as quoted in the New York Times.

The "wise Latina" remark was later redacted by Sotomayor during her Senate confirmation hearings.

According to CNN, Sotomayor, who graduated *summa cum laude* from Princeton and attended Yale Law School, grew up in a public housing project in the Bronx.

Her father passed away when she was nine years old and her mother worked six days a week as a nurse to care for two young children.

The Senate confirmed Sotomayor's nomination 68-31. She will begin her Supreme Court career when the Court reconvenes Sept. 9.

Mr. Croker plays the Bluebird

BY KELSEA BEST '11
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Mr. Joe Croker, Upper School English teacher and musician, performed to a crowd of fans, students, and faculty members at the Bluebird Café Aug. 5.

"The show lasted a couple of hours," said Mr. Croker, and he performed about 15 to 20 songs, including an encore.

"It was great. Mr. Croker's music is best live," said Katie Schull '09. "It's kind of like Bob Dylan meets the Rolling Stones." Mr. Croker agrees, describing his style as "eclectic and folk-rock-oriented, sort of minor key shuffle meets sunrise pop."

Either way, the show was a hit to everyone who was lucky enough to attend, but tickets were hard to come by.

"I was greatly distressed when I heard that the show was sold out seeing how my family had planned for weeks to attend his concert," said Lena Bichell '10.

Saxby Wiles '11 had similar feelings. "I really wanted to go to the show, and I was disappointed when I found out that I wouldn't be there," she said. "I just hope Mr. Croker will have a repeat performance so I can hear his music."

Still, Mr. Croker enjoyed himself just as much as the audience.

"Whenever Mr. Springman is in the audience I know that the stars are aligned," he said, describing his overall feelings about the show.

Apart from Mr. Springman, the café was packed with many students and faculty members offering their support to Mr. Croker, an experience that the song writer described as "very gratifying and humbling."

Michael Jackson to be buried Aug. 29

BY EMILY TSENG '10
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Michael Jackson, the deceased King of Pop, will be buried on what would have been his 51st birthday, Aug. 29, according to a statement issued Aug. 18 by publicists for the Jackson family.

The Associated Press reported that on the day of his burial, filmmaker Spike Lee will hold a block party-style celebration in Brooklyn. Aug. 29 will be declared "Michael Jackson Day" by Borough President Marty Markowitz at the event.

According to CNN, the singer died Jun. 25 of cardiac arrest in Los Angeles. He had been preparing for a series of comeback concerts in London titled "This Is It."

"I didn't believe it," said M.E. Sorci '11. "He's not the kind of person you think would ever die." Media outlets reported that he had been rehearsing hours before his body was found.

"I did not believe it when Butter told me on 107.5, so I switched the radio to NPR and I believed them," said Rohini Chakravarthy '10.

"I was shocked, and quite amused that it generated the highest rate of text sending in the US ever," said Rosie Bichell '10. AT&T reported an increase of over 60 percent in texts sent; at one point, traffic reached a high of four million texts per minute.

Numerous websites, including Yahoo, Google, Twitter and Facebook, also experienced unprecedented highs. According to CNET, Google first interpreted the surge of Jackson-related searches as an attack on its servers.

Some were less affected by the news. "It didn't make an impact on me," said Kate Richardson '12.

"I didn't care at all," agreed Eliza Taylor '11. "I didn't like him."

Summer experiences: From Kenya to Columbia, Tenn.

BY ROSIE BICHELL '10
CO-NEWS EDITOR

Caroline Aston '10: Safari in East Africa

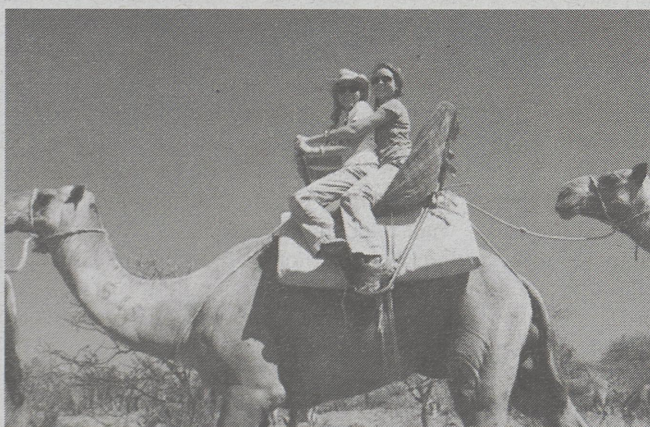


Photo courtesy of Caroline Aston

"This summer, my family and I went to Kenya for a two-week safari starting in Nairobi and traveling all over the country. We stayed in two [temporary] camps and two permanent camps throughout our stay and saw a wide variety of animals ranging from lions and cheetahs to monkeys and birds. When we weren't viewing animals we visited a village where we were able to interact with the locals. We also went camel riding and walked through the plains. We had great guides with us and overall it was an amazing experience!"

Cera Salman '12:

Visiting family in England, Egypt & Abu Dhabi

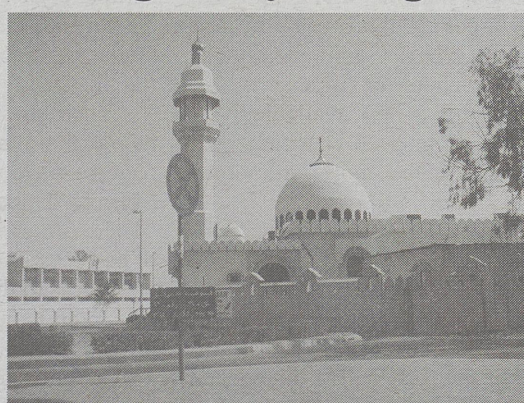


Photo courtesy of Cera Salman

"I drove to Virginia on the last day of exams and stayed with my cousins until June 3 when I caught a plane to London Heathrow [Airport] where my uncle picked me up. I stayed with my uncle, aunt, and four cousins in England for a week. We took the Metro to London and went to the British Museum. Then, when my stay in England was over, I caught another plane over to Abu Dhabi where I stayed with my biological mother and my little half-brother for one week before we traveled to Cairo to stay with some more family for a few weeks. There, we traveled to the pyramids and the Great Sphinx of Giza. Then my mother, my brother and I flew back to Abu Dhabi, where I stayed for another month and a half. Most of the time I just took guitar lessons and went all around Abu Dhabi in taxis. Then I took my plane back to Virginia Aug. 8 where I met my dad and my other family."

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Fresh faces fortify faculty

BY CASSIE SANDERS '10, SARA DARBAR '11, AND MICHELE MARTIN '11
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The Upper School is welcoming six new faculty members to its community.

Mr. Christopher Chenery will be joining the language department to teach Latin I. Although this will be his first year teaching in a classroom, Mr. Chenery has been tutoring around the Nashville area. As a native of Nashville and graduate of MBA and Sewanee, he learned about Harpeth Hall at an early age and is excited to be teaching at such a prestigious all-girls school. Mr. Chenery has two dogs named Rugby and Thatcher.

Mr. Ben Abraham will be rejoining the faculty to teach Latin II, III, IV, IV Honors, and AP Vergil. He left the Middle School language department one year ago to teach at St. Louis Priory School, an all-boys school run out of a monastery in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Abraham gained the interesting experience of teaching alongside monks. Although he enjoyed the experience, he is very excited about returning to HH in the Upper School. "It will be so nice to have the opportunity to teach girls that I already know and to have familiar faces in the

classroom." For those of you who are wondering, Mr. Abraham and his girlfriend Caroline are still together but not yet engaged. Mr. Abraham has a cat named Rudy that he had to give away but still visits.

The newest member of the English department this year is Mr. Bart Renner who will be teaching two sections of sophomore English. In addition, he will be the assistant Middle School soccer coach as well as the new faculty sponsor of the Quad. Mr. Renner is a recent graduate of Yale University where he received his master's degree in Religion and Art. His distinguishing feature, according to Ms. Jackie Powers, Upper School English Department Chair, is his long, red hair, which he is planning to grow out for the Locks of Love program and hopes to gain student involvement. Mr. Renner will be arriving late because he got married Aug. 15 and will return from his honeymoon Aug. 24.

Ms. Mary Oehmig, the newest member of the College Counseling office, recently moved to Nashville from Chattanooga, Tenn. In Chat-

tanooga, Ms. Oehmig worked at Baylor for four years as a Boarding Admissions officer, accepting students both nationally and internationally, and as a dorm mother. "I loved working with the girls in the dorms and here I get the same interaction," she said. Ms. Oehmig has a chocolate lab named Tank.

Ms. Ann Webb Betty is joining the faculty member in the Bear Cave. Ms. Betty is a native Nashvillian and a graduate of HH, class of '81. She has been working with computers for 10 years and previously worked at the YMCA with computers and tech support. Ms. Betty has one cat named Sabra, after the 2008 winner of *Dancing with the Stars*.

Mr. Allen Karns is joining the faculty this year as a member of the Bear Cave. Mr. Karns is a native of Stillwater, Okla. Before working at HH he was a network administrator at Therex. Mr. Karns said he decided to come to HH because he, "has friends who work on campus and have said good things about it." Currently his favorite song is My Baby's Got Sauce by G Love and Special Sauce.



enn., students take advantage of time off

Lena Bichell '10: Intern in Mombasa, Kenya

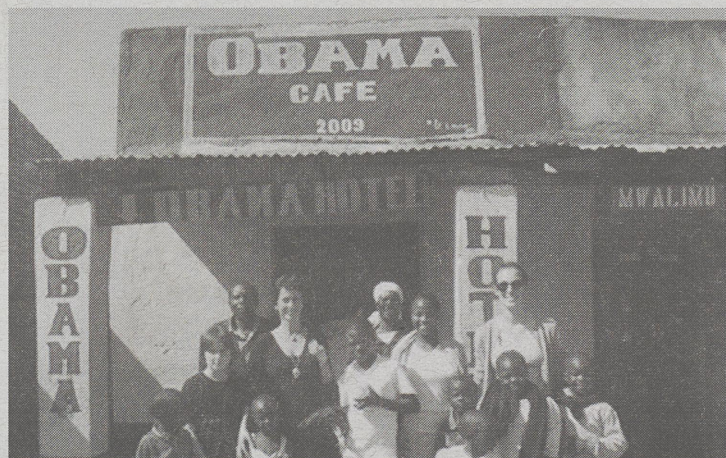


Photo courtesy of Lena Bichell

"This summer, I went to Kenya for about month. I stayed with my godmother in Mombasa, one of the bigger cities in Kenya. While I was there, I interned with her, teaching children about gender-based violence and how to prevent it. I had some leisure time during which I rafted down the Nile in Uganda, and I went with my godmother to the baptism of a little girl. On my way home, I stopped in Istanbul, Turkey, for a few days, and it was truly amazing. Now I want to spend a gap year in Turkey!"

Katie Beach '11: Southern Belle Summer School



Photo courtesy of Katie Beach

"I went to a summer session called the 1861 Girls School. It was a re-enactment of the Civil War era down in Columbia, Tenn. There used to be a girls' college called the Athenaeum, so for a week, we dressed up in period costume and re-enacted the daily schedule of the school. The best part was that at the end of the week there's a big Graduation Ball. We danced all night."

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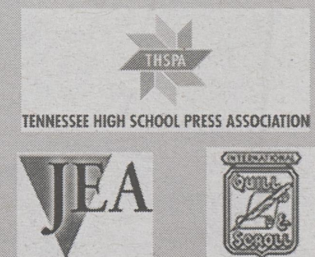
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